

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A connection accepting system, comprising:

client terminals connected to a network; and

a first server for accepting connection requests from said client terminals through said network,

wherein said server includes a priority order setting unit which, upon receiving a first connection request from a first client terminal of said client terminals, sets a connection priority for said first client terminal and transmits data conveying said connection priority to said first client terminal; and a connection managing unit for allowing connection of said client terminals according to connection priority upon receiving a second connection request from a second client terminal of said client terminals after said first connection request; and

said first client terminal displays connection priority information, based on said data conveying said connection priority.

2. (Original) The connection accepting system according to Claim 1, further comprising a second server for executing a process according to requests from said client terminals,

wherein said first server accepts said first and second connection requests as connection requests for said second server and, when said connection managing unit allows connection of said first and second client terminals, connects said first and second client terminals with said second server.

3. (Original) A server for accepting connection requests from client terminals through a network, comprising:

a connection-order setting unit which, upon receiving a first connection request from a first client terminal of said client terminals, sets an order of connection for said first client terminal; and

a connection managing unit for allowing connection of said client terminals according to said order of connection, upon receiving a second connection request from a second client terminal of said client terminals after said first connection request.

4. (Original) The accepting server according to Claim 3, wherein

data of said order of connection set by said connection-order setting unit is transmitted to said first client terminal; and

said first client terminal is caused to display connection-order information, based on said data.

5. (Original) The accepting server according to Claim 3, further comprising a connection-number monitoring unit for monitoring a number of connectable client terminals,

wherein said connection managing unit allows connection of one of said client terminals which is highest in said order of connection, after acceptance of connection of a new client terminal has become possible, based on a number of connectable client terminals obtained by said connection-number monitoring unit.

6. (Original) The accepting server according to Claim 3, wherein a program for automatically executing said second connection request again is transmitted to said client terminal to which said order of connection has been set.

Claims 7-24 (Cancelled).

25. (Original) A computer program which is executed by a computer which accepts requests for connection from a client terminal, comprising:

process for setting a connection priority to said client terminal when a connection request from said client terminal is accepted;

a process for granting a right of connection to said client terminal according to the connection priority; and

a process for confirming whether a right of connection has been granted to said client terminal when a connection request is made by said client terminal and allowing connection of said client terminal when grant of the right of connection is confirmed.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).